

OUTLINE & BLURB

INTRO: REVELATION... reclaim. recycle. renew. reuse. recreate. renovate

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Message #5: Start At Home Thyatira—part 4 of 8

BLURB: *We hear the word tolerant tossed around with great pride these days. The question is tolerant of what? The key to Christian tolerance is balancing tolerance with Truth. In doing so we remember our allegiance to Christ and love for others.*

Write this to Thyatira, to the Angel of the church. God's Son, eyes pouring fire-blaze, standing on feet of furnace-fired bronze, says this: "I see everything you're doing for me. Impressive! The love and the faith, the service and persistence. Yes, very impressive! You get better at it every day.

"But why do you let that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet mislead my dear servants into Cross-denying, self-indulging religion? I gave her a chance to change her ways, but she has no intention of giving up a career in the god-business. I'm about to lay her low, along with her partners, as they play their sex-and-religion games. The bastard offspring of their idol-whoring I'll kill. Then every church will know that appearances don't impress me. I x-ray every motive and make sure you get what's coming to you.

"The rest of you Thyatirans, who have nothing to do with this outrage, who scorn this playing around with the Devil that gets paraded as profundity, be assured I'll not make life any harder for you than it already is. Hold on to the truth you have until I get there.

"Here's the reward I have for every conqueror, everyone who keeps at it, refusing to give up: You'll rule the nations, your Shepherd-King rule as firm as an iron staff, their resistance fragile as clay pots. This was the gift my Father gave me; I pass it along to you— and with it, the Morning Star!"Are your ears awake? Listen. Listen to the Wind Words, the Spirit blowing through the churches." Revelation 2:18-29 (MSG)

THYATIRA: WHAT JESUS SAYS TO A TOLERANT CHURCH...

Stay uncomfortable with all that violates scripture.

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HOW DO WE KNOW SHE WAS NOT JUST MISUNDERSTOOD? WELL HERE ARE SOME OF HER ACTIONS:

1. A misuse of scripture. A danger of false teachers is they use enough scripture to be dangerous.
2. She grabbed authority. She wasn't given authority; she grabbed authority. She called herself a prophetess.
3. Her refusal to repent.
4. Her spiritual elitism. "I have the deeper things."

1. YOU BALANCE TOLERANCE AND TRUTH

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HERE ARE THE WAYS WE CAN BECOME IMBALANCED:

One would be truth without tolerance. That's legalism.
Tolerance without truth. That's liberalism.
Truth with tolerance. That's balance.

The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, Generous inside and out, true from start to finish. John 1:14 (MSG)

A. IS THIS A MAJOR OR MINOR ISSUE ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

Principle: In major issues, have unity. In minor issues, have diversity. And in all issues show love.

B. DO YOU HAVE A BIBLICAL CONVICTION ABOUT THE ISSUE?

Principle: If it's doubtful it's dirty.

C. HOW WILL YOUR DECISION/ INVOLVEMENT IMPACT A NEWBORN IN CHRIST?

What we feel is all right may lead others astray.

Principle: I have a responsibility to others.

D. WILL THIS REFLECT MY LOVE FOR THE LORD?

Principle: I must remember whose I am.

CONCLUSION

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"I pass it along to you—and with it, the Morning Star!" Vs 28

"I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright and morning star." Revelation 22:16 (MSG)